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of the

Seventeenth Constitutional General Convention

of the

I. W. W.

Nov. 9 -- 20, 1925

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Preamble of the Industrial Workers of the World

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

Printed by Printing and Publishing Workers' Industrial Union No. 450, I. W. W.

Reading of the minutes.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Wagner, 330): That minutes be accepted, subject to final correction.—Carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Whiting, 120): That we adjourn until tomorrow 9 a. m.—Carried.

Adjourned at 2:30 p. m.

SESSION—NOVEMBER 20, 1925

Convention called to order by Chairman Francezon, 510, at 9 a. m.

Delegates present: Thorpe, 110; Elsasser, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Schultes came in at 9:10 a. m.

Foster, 110, came in at 9:30 a. m.

New Business

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That all past officials and employes that owe money to the I. W. W. prior to 1925 be classed as delinquent delegates, and if they do not pay their full amount one year thereafter, they shall stand suspended until their account is cleared.—Carried.

M. & S. (Graham, 210-220-Schultes, 510): That we go back to the nomination of a general secretary-treasurer. Three for, seven opposed.—Motion Lost.

Report of the Financial Committee

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Thorpe, 110): That we recommend the Equity Printing Company to dispose of the building.

Record vote called for by Mincoff, S. I. U.'s: pe, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, yes; Foster, 110; Whit 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, yes; ; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 30, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; incoff, S. I. U.'s, yes.—Carried.

t communication from Keller, G. an, Secretary-Treasurer, be taken

November 19th, 1925.

Fellow Workers:

As the convention has taken no action in reference to routing speakers, we are sending this letter to the convention as a recommendation of what we think would be a progressive move for the organization at this particular time.

We are all well aware that our members among the Finnish-speaking fellow workers are many and therefore, the general administration is very much in favor of routing Fellow Worker John Kiviniemi to tour the Eastern country among the Finnish-speaking members and sympathizers, to try and further organization work.

However, we would like the endorsement of the General Convention on the above matter.

Trusting that you fellow workers will give this your utmost consideration, and with best wishes, we remain

Yours for the I. W. W.

Carl Keller
Chairman General Executive Board.
Arthur Coleman
General Secretary-Treasurer.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we accept the communication from Keller and Coleman and that we instruct them to route Fellow Worker Kiviniemi.—Carried.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we accept the report of the Financial Committee as progress, and that they stand discharged. —Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That the G. E. B. call in all building stamps and all money collected for that purpose shall revert to the general organization. One for.—Motion Lost.

Amendment: (O'Connor, 310-Wagner, 330): That the G. E. B. call in all building stamps and that money revert to the General Defense. One for. —Motion lost.

Report of the Press Committee.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Kiiniemi, 330): That we accept the report of the Press Committee and that it be sent to the various publications of the I. W. W.—Carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Schultes, 510): That the delegates of this convention stand in readiness to reconvene in case of any emergency arising calling for action by the convention.

Amendment: (Elsasser, 110-Thorpt, 110): That the delegates of this convention stand in readiness on the call of the majority of the G. E. B. to reconvene in case an emergency arises calling for action by a convention, up to the second Monday in November, 1926. Ten for one opposed.—Amendment carried.

Good and Welfare

All delegates and general officers present spoke under this heading.

Reading of the minutes.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Foster, 110): That we accept the minutes as corrected.—Carried.

M. & S (Foster-Whiting): That we adjourn.—Carried.

Convention stands adjourned at 11:45 a. m.

ROGER FRANCEZON, Chairman Convention.

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THE SEVENTEENTH CONSTITUTIONAL GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE I. W. W.

AT I. W. W. HEADQUARTERS, 3333 BELMONT AVENUE,
NOVEMBER 9, 1925

Convention called to order by Arthur Coleman, Secretary-Treasurer at 10 a. m.

Nominations were opened for temporary chairman. Roger Francezon, 510; John Kiviniemi, 330; Frank Thorpe, 110; Frank Whiting, 120; Joseph Wagner, 330; Geo. Elsasser, 110; and F. W. Lammon, S. I. U.'s were nominated. All declined except Lamson.

M. & S.: That nominations be closed, and that Fellow Worker Lamson be elected Temporary Chairman, by acclamation.—Carried.

Nominations for temporary Recording Secretary were opened. Kiviniemi, 330, (dec.); Thorpe, accepted.

M. & S.: That nominations be closed and F. W. Thorpe be elected as Temporary Recording Secretary by acclamation.—Carried.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Francezon, 510): That we elect a Credentials Committee of five members.—Carried.

Nomination and Election of Credentials Comm.:

Frank Thorpe, 110; George Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Frank Whiting, 120; Lamson, S. I. U.'s; George Elsasser, 110; James V. O'Connor, 310; A. Graham, 210-220; John Kiviniemi, 330 nominated.

M. & S. (Foster 110-Whiting, 120): That nominations be closed.

Kiviniemi, 330, 7 votes; Graham, 210-220, 4 votes; Elsaser, 110, 8 votes; Whiting, 120, 9 votes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, 4 votes; Thorpe, 110, 8 votes; Mincoff declines in favor of Graham. Thorpe, 110; Elsasser, 110; Kiviniemi, 330; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220 elected on Credential Committee.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-O'Connor, 310): That the convention be suspended until the Credentials Committee makes its report.

Report of Credentials Committee

We find all credentials O. K. with the exception of Warren Lamson's, S. I. U.'s, card No. 215472, delegate from the Small Industrial Unions, who is two days in arrears over the sixty-day limit; and Roger Francezon, card No. X-20572 which, we are unable to make out on account of duplicate card and no records available. The committee presents these before the house for action. Signed by Frank Thorpe, 110; Elsasser, 110; Kiviniemi, 330; Frank Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220;—**Credentials Committee.**

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Graham, 210-220): hat the uncontested delegates be seated and the ested delegates be taken up seri atim.—Carried.

& S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Kiviniemi, 330): That we elect a new temporary chairman as the present chairman is contested.—Carried.

Nominations for Temporary Chairman:

Elsasser, 110; Whiting, 120, and Mincoff, nominated. Elsasser and Whiting declined.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Wagner, 330): That nominations be closed.—Carried.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Foster, 110): That Mincoff be elected by acclamation.—Carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-O'Connor, 310): That we take up the contesting of Fellow Worker Lamson first.—Carried.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That we abide by the Constitution.—Carried, 7—1.

Fellow Worker Lamson was not seated.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Graham, 210-220): That Fellow Worker Francezon, 510 delegate, be seated.

Amended by Thorpe, 110, seconded by Kiviniemi, 330: That we seat the delegate, Francezon, temporarily until we get his records from 510 headquarters.

Record vote:

FOR—Thorpe, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; Wagner 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Mincoff, S.I.U.'s.

OPPOSED: Elsasser, 110; Foster, 110; O'Connor, 310.

Amendment carried, 6—3.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Foster, 110): That we elect a Rules Committee of three.—Carried.

Elsasser, Wagner, Whiting and O'Connor were nominated, and Wagner, 330; Whiting, 120, and O'Connor, 310, were elected.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we stand suspended until 1:30 p. m.—Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION—MONDAY, NOV. 9

Convention called to order by Temporary Chairman Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, at 1:30 p. m.

Delegates present:—Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Report of the Rules Committee

By the Chairman, J. V. O'Connor.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That the Rules Committee's report be taken up seriatim.

Rule No. 1: The hours of the Convention shall be from 9 a. m. to 12 Noon, and from 1:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

M. & S. (Wganer, 330-Foster): That Rule No. 1 be adopted.—Carried.

Rule No. 2: The Chairman, at the opening of each session, shall call the names of all delegates present, and put down the names of absent delegates.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Whiting, 120): That we concur with Rule No. 2.—Carried.

Rule No. 3: To get the floor, a delegate shall hold up his hand until recognized by the chair.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-Graham, 210-220): That we concur with Rule No. 3.—Carried.

Rule No. 4: In discussing a motion all delegates shall be limited to ten minutes, but the time can be extended at the pleasure of the convention.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Francezon, 510): That we concur with Rule No. 4.—Carried.

Rule No. 5: The maker of the motion shall have the opening and the closing of the discussion if he so desires, and no other delegate shall have the floor twice on the same question.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Foster, 110): That we do not concur with Rule No. 5.—Carried.

Rule No. 5 amended to read as above, except for last half taken out.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Francezon, 510): That Rule No. 5 be adopted as amended.—Carried.

Rule No. 6: A majority vote shall decide all questions.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with Rule No. 6.—Carried.

Rule No. 7: All voting shall be decided by raising the right hand except when roll call or record vote is demanded.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with Rule No. 7.—Carried.

Rule No. 8: All nominees shall rise when nominated.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Wagner, 330): That we do not concur with Rule No. 8.—Carried.

Rule No. 9: All discussion is out of order when there is no motion before the house unless a motion has been carried to throw the floor open for discussion.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Graham, 210-220): That we concur with Rule No. 9.—Carried.

Rule No. 10: No motion can be made when another motion is before the house with the exception of certain privilege motion, such as motions to adjourn, take a recess, or to table. These motions are undebatable.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Whiting, 120): That we concur with Rule No. 10.—Carried.

Rule No. 11: Point of order is always in order when asked through the chair.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Graham, 210-220): That we concur with Rule No. 11.—Carried.

Rule No. 12: A point of information is not in order when there is a speaker on the floor.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Whiting, 120): That we concur with Rule No. 12.—Carried.

Rule No. 13: When a motion has been made and seconded the chairman must either rule it out of order or put it before the convention.

M. & S. (Francezon 510-Graham, 210-220): That we concur with Rule No. 13.—Carried.

Rule No. 14: Any delegate can appeal from the decision of the chair. In this case the recording secretary takes the chair. The chairman shall state his reasons for making his ruling. The objector shall then state his reasons for making the appeal. No one else has anything to say in the matter. The acting chairman then puts the question to the house, thus: Shall the ruling of the chair be sustained? All in favor raise right hand; opposed, same. After the votes the original chairman shall resume the chair and the convention proceed in conformity with the decision whether or not the chair is upheld.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-Elsasser, 110): That we concur with Rule No. 14.—Carried.

Rule No. 15: A motion to remove the chairman is always in order.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Wagner, 330): That we concur with Rule No. 15.—Carried.

Rule No. 16: Each delegate shall be furnished with a list of all delegates stating the I. U. which they represent and the total votes of same.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Graham, 210-220): That we concur with Rule No. 16.—Carried.

Rule No. 17: All committees shall be composed of three members. The following committees shall be elected: Rules Committee; Resolutions Committee; Ways and Means Committee; Constitution and By-laws Committee; and Grievance Committee.

M. & S. (Thorpe 110-Whiting, 120): That we concur with Rule No. 17.—Carried.

Rule No. 18: A roll call vote is in order on demand of two delegates representing different industrial unions.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with Rule No. 18.—Carried.

Rule No. 19: Committees shall report as follows: Rules Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Resolution Committee, Constitution and By-laws Committee and Grievance Committee.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Graham, 210-220): That we concur with Rule No. 19.—Carried.

Rule No. 20: That the minutes of each day's session shall be read fifteen minutes prior to adjournment.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with Rule 20.—Carried.

Rule No. 21: All delegates must remain sea[illegible] until the Chairman officially declares session adjourned.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with Rule No. 21.—Carried.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Wagner, 330): That we elect a Press Committee of one to report the convention.—Carried.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Kiviniemi, 330): That we close convention to any one except I. W. W.'s in good standing.

Record vote called for by Chairman Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Elsasser, 110, no; Thorpe, 110, no; Foster, 110, no; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, yes; Wagner, 330, not voting; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, no.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That

elect a Conductor to keep order in hall; take care of all pamphlets and stuff left on the delegates' desks. For, 5; opposed, 2.

O'Connor, 310, and Graham, 210-220, recorded as voting No.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Foster, 110): That the Press man and Conductor be put on pay, not to exceed $4 a day. For, 4; opposed, 5.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we rescind former action in respect to Conductor and Publicity man to this convention. For, 6; opposed, 2.—Motion Rescinded.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Wagner, 330): That we elect a Publicity Committee of one, also a Conductor from this body, and that they receive pay not to exceed $4 per day.

Amended by Francezon, 510, seconded by Thorpe, 110: That we elect one man to act as Publicity man and Conductor, and that he receive pay not to exceed $4 per day.—Carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we proceed with the nomination and election of a Publicity man.—Carried.

Elsasser, 110, nominated Hanson; and Thorpe, 110, nominated H. B. Fiske.

Fellow Worker Fiske declined.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Francezon, 510): That Fellow Worker Hanson be elected by acclamation as Publicity man and Conductor.—Carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we proceed with the election of committees as they are pposed to report.—Carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Foster, 110, Whiting, 120, and Francezon, 510, nominated and accepted.

M. & S. (O'Connor 310-Graham, 210-220): That nominations be closed.—Carried.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Wagner, 330): That Foster, 110, Whiting, 120, and Francezon, 510 be elected by acclamation as the Ways and Means Committee.—Carried.

NOMINATION FOR RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Elsasser, 110, Thorpe, 110, Graham, 210-220, Wagner, 330, were nominated as the Resolutions Committee. Thorpe declined.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Whiting, 120): That nomination be closed.—Carried.

M. & S. (Whiting, 120-Foster, 110): That Elsasser, 110, Graham, 210-220, and Wagner, 330, be elected by acclamation as the Resolutions Committee.—Carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, Francezon, 510, and Kiviniemi, 330, were nominated for the Constitution and By-laws Committee.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Whiting, 120): That these three men be elected by acclamation as the Constitution and By-laws Committee.—Carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR GREAVANCE COMMITTEE

Whiting, 120, Thorpe, 110, O'Connor, 310, and Francezon, 510, were nominated for the Grievance Committee. Francezon declined.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-O'Connor, 310): That these three be elected by acclamation on the Grievance Committee.—Carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we elect a permanent chairman.—Carried.

Foster, 110, Thorpe, 110, Wagner, 330, Whiting, 120, O'Connor, 310, Elsasser, 110. All declined except Foster, 110.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That Foster, 110, be elected as permanent chairman by acclamation.—Carried.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Thorpe, 110): That we hear the reports of the general officials. For, 2; opposed, 5.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That we adjourn until the various committees elect their chairmen, and then go in session again.—Carried.

Reconvened five minutes later.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That these resolutions be turned over to the various committees.—Carried.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Thorpe, 110): That those resolutions be turned over to the Resolutions and By-laws committees to be acted on.—Carried.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Kiviniemi, 330): That the convention adjourn until 9 a. m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1925, to give the committees a chance to work. For, 8; opposed, 1.—Motion Carried.

MORNING SESSION, NOVEMBER 10, 1925

Convention called to order at 9 a. m. by Chairman Foster, 110.

Delegates present: Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210 and 220; O'Connor, 310; Wagner, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s. Kiviniemi 330, reported in at 9:15 a. m.

Report of the Credential Committee on Delegate Olson, 310

Chairman Thorpe, 110, of the Credential Committee, reports that the committee finds Olson eligible to be seated as a delegate.

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Wagner, 330): That we accept Delegate Olson to the convention. Carried.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Elsasser, 110): That we take up the matter of representation. Carried.

Representative List
1925 Roll Call

I. U. No.		Votes	
110	Frank Thorpe	55 1/3	
	J. B. Foster	55 1/3	
	Geo. Elsasser	55 1/3	
			166
120	Frank Whiting		96
220	Albert Graham		74
310	J. V. O'Connor	12	
	B. Olson	12	
			24
330	John Kiviniemi	16	
	Joseph Wagner	16	
			32
510	Roger Francezon		16
S. I. U.'s	Geo. Mincoff		78
	Grand total		486

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Francezon, 510): That Industrial Unions 310 and 120 be given their credit for per capita owed on unremitted reports. For, 4; opposed, 5. Lost.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Francezon, 510): That we give representation to the various industrial unions on per capita due. Chairman ruled motion out of order.

Appeal taken by Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Record vote taken on ruling. Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210 and 220, no; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Wagner, 330, no; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, no. For, 6; opposed, 3. Motion ruled out of order.

M. and S. (Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110): That all industrial unions be given votes on per capita paid.

Record vote taken: Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210 and 220, no; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, no; Wagner, 330, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, no; Mincoff S. I. U.'s, no. For, 6; opposed, 5. Motion carried.

M. and S. (Thorpe, 110; Whiting, 120): That Secretary Sullivan of I. U. 110 be given the floor on special privileges. For, 5; opposed, 6. Motion lost.

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Graham, 210 and 220): That we take up the report of the edtior of the Industrial Pioneer and Industrial Solidarity. Carried.

Report of the Editor of Industrial Solidarity and Industrial Pioneer to the Seventeenth General Convention of the I. W. W.

Fellow Workers:

I am reporting on Industrial Solidarity for the entire period since the last convention, and on Industrial Pioneer for the period during which I was editor of it: that is to say, for the issue of November and December, 1924, and November, 1925.

Co-operation in the matter of sending in news and reporting job action of various sorts was never better than during this period. Many more fellow workers at the point of production have seen their way clear to write short articles on their industries than ever before. However, this part of the paper is still weaker than it should be. In my opinion the membership of the I. W. W. should themselves write at least seventy-five per cent of the articles that appear in our press, and for Industrial Solidarity the amount that they write is more nearly forty-five per cent (editorials excluded). I have tried various arguments and made various appeals for more news of the jobs, and the class struggle, written by men engaged actively in carrying on the class struggle, and have been happy to see that there is now a little more response, though still far from enough. Needles to say, we have never rejected any of this sort of articles, unless they were mere duplicates of something else recently published, or unless we thought that the information contained was not accurate.

One of our greatest battles has been to keep some of the most enthusiastic of the fellow workers from exaggerating the situation when they write. We always ask for the exact truth. There is no need to exaggerate the evils of capitalism, they are bad enough, if we can only get the facts and expose them. When false news is printed, those workers who have direct knowledge of the real facts read it, and then come to the natural conclusion that we are lying in other parts of the paper as well as the particular case in which they know we are wrong, and our propaganda suffers. For this reason the editor is always glad to get several fellow workers to write in and describe the same event. They can not all [illegible] their articles printed, and the result may be a mixture of all of them, but it will probably be close to the truth, containing those points on which all witnesses are agreed.

Anything that the convention can do to encourage the members in the field to continue to write truthful and full reports of the happenings in industry will be a real service to the I. W. W .press.

In the past we have often asked the branches to elect regular, permanent publicity men, or correspondents for the I. W. W. press. Some branches have done this, and the improvement in the quantity and quality of news from their part of the country is noticeable. If the convention can do anything to encourage other branches to do so, it will improve the I. W. W. papers.

In our efforts to make the papers interesting to the membership ,we have at times encouraged discussion through the columns of the Industrial Solidarity on organization questions that were matters of concern to all. In the opinion of the editor these free discussions were a good thing, and helped to clear the understanding of all who took part in them, and made the papers more interesting to the membership. It is certain, however, that even so, only about one-third of the I. W. W. members are getting the official organs of the I. W. W.

This matter of increasing circulation is a very serious one, and although it will probably be taken up more fully under the report of the manager of the papers, the editor wishes to merely make it clear that he has been and is more than ready at all times to do anything possible to co-operate.

The Industrial Solidarity has continued to take the Federated Press News Service, which has been found, with very few exceptions, reliable, truthful, and fair to the I. W. W. One member of the I. W. W. is employed by them as a foreign correspondent and has been sending in very good industrial news from England, Germany and France. The Federated Press was asked by the Emergency Program paper, the "Industrial Unionist," to sell them news, too, and has refused . The editor of Industrial Solidarity is on the board of directors of the Federated Press. (The position is without salary.)

As most of the delegates know, it was found necessary to cut down the size of the Pioneer and to combine the two offices of editor (Pioneer and Solidarity) in order to save expense. I believe there is a motion passed in the I. U. 120 convention, instructing 120 delegates to the General Convention to move the abolition of the Pioneer. While I am certain that this has only the best of motives back of it, and represents a real attempt to improve the influence of the I. W. W. press by making the Industrial Solidarity and Industrial Worker more useful and better, still I would ask the delegates to the General Convention to thoroughly investigate, and to be cautious, and to consider all of the possible consequences. A few of them are that the stopping of the Pioneer would encourage all of our enemies and discourage some of our friends and members. Cutting down the size does not have the same effect though it is bad too. It would be better, if absolutely necessary to make a further saving, to cut Solidarity to four pages, thus saving about one-third of the expense on it, and keep Pioneer running. We can, also, if absolutely necessary, make a further cut in the expenses of Pioneer, by reducing the number of expensive pictures, and by using simpler cover designs. If these economies are substituted for that which would result from stopping Pioneer altogether, we would still have the Pioneer mailing list intact and would still have the second class mailing privileges. Once you stop the paper, you lose both of these.

Industrial Solidarity and Industrial Pioneer, through its editor and its manager, is connected with the Joint Press Committee of Chicago. This body is composed of all the editors and managers of all the I. W. W. papers with headquarters at Chicago, and of a representative of the Industrial Worker. Other I. W. W. papers are invited to send representatives. It is for the purpose of mutually advertising the various I. W. W. papers, and giving entertainments and picnics, lectures, etc. to raise money for the I. W. W. press. The committee was organized during the last year, and the editor of Industrial Solidarity has been secretary since its start. (There is no salary.) However, I have not handled any of the money, as that is the responsibility of the chairman of the committee. I would suggest to the convention that in view of the fact that the Joint Press Committee has functioned very well in Chicago, it might be possible to organize press committees in other districts. I do not see that the success of the committee depends on its being composed of editors and business managers, though in Seattle New York, and Duluth where there are I. W. W. papers, the editors and business managers should be included in the Joint Press Committee. I think that anything the convention could do to encourage the fellow workers in various districts to organize such committees, would improve the position of the I. W. W. press.

This covers most of the outstanding events and important happenings during the period since the last convention. The editor will be available at headquarters almost any time to answer questions if the convention desires to ask them.

In conclusion I wish to state that the general atmosphere in and around headquarters towards the paper has been exceedingly harmonious, all the union and general office officials, and present officials of the printing plant doing everything they could to assist the papers. In return the editor of Industrial Solidarity and Industrial Pioneer has tried to make things as convenient as possible for the printing plant, and will continue to do so.

Yours for the I. W. W.,
VERN SMITH,
Editor Industrial Solidarity.
Editor pro tem Industrial Pioneer.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Francezon, 510): That the report be accepted and that the recommendations be turned over to the Ways and Means Committee and at the same time that it be printed in the Solidarity. Carried.

Lamson's, S. I. U., Credentials

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.; Graham, 210 and 220); That the Credential Committee look over the card of Lamson, S. I. U., and if the card corresponds with the facts as stated that he is not in arrears that he be seated as a delegate. For, 5; opposed, 1.

Chair rules that the above motion be held in abeyance until F. W. Lamson gets his card.

Report of P. Monoldi, Former G. E. B. Member

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Thorpe, 110): That the report be accepted and that the recommendations be turned over to the Resolution Committee. Carried.

Report of Raymond Henry, Present G. E. B. Member

M. and S. (Olson, 310; Wagner, 330): That we accept the report and that the suggestions be turned over to the various committees. Carried.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Francezon, 510): That we elect a reading clerk. Carried.

O'Connor, 310 (decl.); Thorpe, 110 (acc.), and Elsasser, 110 (decl.) were nominated.

Thorpe be elected by acclamation. Carried.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.; Olson, 310): That Thorpe be elected by acclamation.—Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION NOV. 10TH

Report of the Auditing Committee

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Wagner, 330): That we read only totals and recommendations. Yes, 6; no, 2. Carried.

M. and S. (Elsasser, 110; Francezon, 510): That the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted and the various recommendations and disputed receipts be turned over to the various committees. For, 7; opposed, 2. Record vote that O'Connor voted no.

Convention called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Chairman Foster.

Delegates present: Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210 and 220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff S. I. U.'s.

Report of the Credential Committee on Roger Francezon, 510

We, the Credential Committee, after reviewing the record card at hand, find that he is eligible to sit permanently, as a delegate to this convention.

M. and S. (Kiviniemi, 330; O'Connor, 310): That we accept the report of the Credential Committee and that Francezon be seated as a delegate. Carried.

Report of the Credential Committee on Warren Lamson—Majority Report

We, the Credential Committee, after considering the seating of F. W. Lamson, delegate from the S. I. U.'s, find that he is not eligible to sit on the grounds that he is over the sixty-day limit as provided by the General Constitution, "Article 5, Section 6A." Signed: Frank Thorpe, 110; Frank Whiting, 120; John Kiviniemi, 330; Geo. Elsasser, 110.

Minority Report

Considers twenty-four hours not enough to declare a delegate to the General Convention ineligible. Signed: Albert Graham, 210 and 220.

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we concur with the minority report.

Record vote called for. Elsasser, 110, no; Thorpe, 110, no; Foster, 110, no; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210 and 220, yes; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, no; Wagner, 330, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, no; Francezon, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Yes, 5; no, 6. Motion lost.

M. and S. (Elsasser, 110; Whiting, 120): That we concur with the majority report. For, 6; opposed, 3. Carried.

Press Committee Report

M. and S. (Thorpe, 110; Whiting, 120): That the report of the Press Committee be accepted and sent to the different publications of the I. W. W. Carried.

Resolution on Class War Prisoners

M. and S. (Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330): That we accept and adopt the resolution and send it to all publications. Carried.

Resolution in Regard to Richard Ford

M. and S. (Francezon, 510; Graham, 210 and 220): That we accept and adopt this resolution and that it be sent to all publications. Carried.

Report of Louis Chuba, G. E. B. Member of the S. I. U.'s

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Graham, 210 and 220): That this report be accepted and that these recommendations be turned over to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. For, 7; opposed, 1. Motion carried.

Privilege motion (Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110): That the minutes of the day's session be printed every two days for distribution and that we have a proof copy of each day's session. Carried.

Grievance of Fellow Worker Fred W. Zinn

M. and S. (Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That the case of Fellow-Worker Zinn be turned over to the Grievance Committee. Carried.

Resolutions from I. U. 310

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Francezon, 510): That these resolutions be turned over to the Resolutions Committee. Carried.

Letter from I. U. 510 Headquarters in Regard to Francezon

M. and S. (Thorpe, 110; O'Connor, 310): That it be turned over to the Ways and Means Committee.

Amendment to motion (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Wagner, 330): That we instruct the Secretary and Treasurer of the I. W. W. to pay the wages of Fellow-Worker Francezon, and that they be charged to I. U. 510. For, 6; opposed, 3. Motion carried.

Report of the Ways and Means Committee

M. and S. (Thorpe, 110; Olson, 310): That the report of the Ways and Means Committee be accepted as progress. Carried.

Report of the Resolution Committee

No. 1 (Serial A), from S. I. U.:

Be it Resolved, that this conference asserts that there is no conflict between the principles of proletarian revolution and the principles of Industrial Unionism as set forth by the I. W. W.

(Committee does not concur.)

M. and S. (Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510): That we concur with the committee. Carried.

No. 2 (Serial A), from S. I. U.:

Whereas, the free transfer of a member from one industrial union to another is an important principle of our organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, that no matter what changes may be made in dues and initiation, this principle must remain unchanged.

(Committee concurs.)

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.; Elsasser, 110): That we concur with the committee. Carried.

No. 3 (Serial A), from I. U. 110:

Whereas, at the 16th General Convention, the following resolutions were adopted:

That in future we provide in our membership books a page where a record of the member who is taking out credentials, recorded with the name and credential of the office that issued same; and be it further

Resolved, that a clearance stamp be issued to the delegate who is in good standing with his I. U. and space be provided on the page for same, which will take the place of present clearance cards, and that we use the pages for vountary contributions and votes on referendum ballots for that purpose until a new issue of due books are printed and pages provided for same, so that this practice will begin immediately. Therefore we recommend that this matter be brought before the general convention, to be put before the membership on a referendum ballot for adoption as a by-law in the general contsitution and by-laws.

(Committee concurs.)

M. and S. (Thorpe, 110; O'Connor, 310): That we concur with the committee. Carried.

No. 6 (Serial A), from Oakland Branch I. U. 330:

Be it resolved, that the General Headquarters issue a general delinquent list of all I. U.'s of the I. W. W., to be in the field not later than the last of May of each year.

(Committee does not concur.)

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Graham, 210 and 220): That we concur with the committee. Yes, 2; no, 6. Motion lost.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.; Thorpe, 110): That Resolution 6, Serial A, be returned to Resolutions Committee for redrafting. Carried.

No. 11 (Serial A), from I. U. 120:

Resolved, that the industrial unions shall remit to other industrial unions for the business done for them on the basis of retaining 50 cents for each membership card furnished and actual per capita cost of all due stamps furnished.

(Committee does not concur.)

M. and S. (Francezon, 510; Elsasser, 110): That we concur with the committee. Yes 8; no, 2. Record that Whiting, 120, and O'Connor, 310, vote no.

No. 18 (Serial A), from I. U. 120:

Resolved, that we recommend that industrial unions which now do not have their main offices in the General Headquarters building in Chicago, be urged to move into the building at 3333 West Belmont Avenue.

(Majority concurs, minority opposed.)

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Graham, 210 and 220): That we concur with the minority report. Yes, 4; no, 6. Motion lost.

M. and S. (Elsasser, 110; Wagner, 330): That we concur with the majority report. Yes, 6; no, 4.

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Thorpe, 110): That we accept the report of the Resolution Committee as progress. Carried.

Report of Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Held in abeyance.

Report of Press Committee

M. and S. (Francezon, 510; Wagner, 330): That we adopt report and it be sent to the Industrial Worker. Yes, 10; no, none.

Reading of minutes of two previous days.

M. and S. (Elsasser, 110; Francezon, 510): That we accept the minutes as read and corrected. Yes, 10; no, none.

Adjourned till 9 a. m., November 11.

MORNING SESSION NOV. 11TH

Convention called to order, November 11, 1925, by Chairman Foster.

Delegates present, Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Wagner, 330, reported at 9:20 a. m.

Report of Constitution and By-laws Committee

This report was held in abeyance until the morning session of November 11th, 1925.

No. 1. (S. I. U.'s No. 3):

To amend the General Constitution.

Whereas, The present clause regarding the term of office as at present, is ambiguous and should be clarified; and

Whereas, As at present drawn it was intended to permit officers to be renominated and re-elected; if the membership wished them to serve again; and

Whereas, It is today the opinion of the membership that officers who prove worthy should be retained for the welfare of the organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following clause be inserted in Article 3, Section 2:

"General officers shall be eligible for renomination and re-election, subject to recall by referendum."

No. 2. (I. U. No. 330 No. 2):

Whereas, We believe that the custom of allowing officials to hold office for only one year is detrimental to the welfare of the organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we go on record as being in favor of extending the maximum limit of holding office to two one-year terms; and, be it further

Resolved, That we instruct our delegate to the General Convention to renominate Arthur Coleman for General Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee's recommendation.

That the constitution be amended to read:

Article 3, Section 2: The term of office shall be one year, subject to re-election, and shall commence on March 1st, subject to recall as provided in Article 8, Section3.

Amendment: (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That term of office shall be one year and same shall commence on March 1st; officials after serving their first term of office shall be eligible for re-election for two more terms.

Roll call vote called for by Thorpe, 110, seconded by Wagner, 330.

Frank Thorpe, 110, Yes, 55 1-3 votes.
J. B. Foster, 110, Yes, 55 1-3 votes.
Geo. Elsasser, Yes, 55 1-3 votes.
Frank Whiting, 120, Yes, 96 votes.
Albert Graham, No, 74 votes.
J. V. O'Connor, No, 12 votes.
B. Olson, 310, No, 12 votes.
John Kiviniemi, 330, Yes, 16 votes.
Joseph Wagner, 330, Yes, 16 votes.
Roger Francezon, 510, Yes, 16 votes.
Geo. Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, No, 78 votes.
Grand Total: 486 votes; 310 Yes, 176 No.

No. 11. (S. I. U.'s No. 8—Finance):

The Small Unions Conference shall instruct delegate to the General Convention (in case one should be held this year) that he is to fight for one dollar ($1.00) dues.

No. 12. (I. U. 110; 14—18):

That we raise the initiation fee to three dollars ($3.00) and the dues to one dollar ($1.00).

No. 13. (I. U. 120; No. 3):

Resolved, That the dues in Industrial Union No. 120 be raised from 50 cents per month to one dollar ($1.00) per month; also, that the Organization stamps be called in, and that each industrial union have the right to put out their own organization stamps.

No. 14. (I. U. 330; No. 1):

Whereas, The I. W. W. at the present time is in bad shape financially; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the monthly dues be raised to one dollar ($1.00) per month.

No. 15. (I. U. 330; No. 4):

Resolved, That we adopt the sliding scale of initiation, or in other words, give each industrial union power to regulate its own initiation fee, said fee not to be over five dollars ($5.00).

No. 16. (I. U. 120; No. 1):

Resolved, That we favor abolishing the Universal credentials, dues and initiation fee.

No. 17. (S. I. U.; No. 2—Finance):

Resolved, That the initiation be not less than one dollar ($1) nor more than ten dollars ($10) and that the dues shall not be more than one dollar ($1) nor less than 25 cents.

These resolutions be changed to read:

Substitute for the whole by committee:

The initiation fee for members of the industrial unions shall be no less than one dollar ($1) and no more than ten dollars ($10). The regular dues of the industrial unions directly united with the general organization shall be no less than 50 cents and no more than one dollar ($1).

M. & S. (Olson, 310-Elsasser, 110): That we do not concur with the committee.

Record vote called for: Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe, 110, no; Foster, 110, no; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, no; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Wagner, 330, no; Kiviniemi, 330, no; Francezon, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, no. Yes, 3; no, 8.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Wagner, 330): That we concur with the committee.

Roll call vote called for by Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; seconded by Wagner, 330.

Frank Thorpe, 110, Yes, 55 1-3 votes.
J. B. Foster, 110, Yes, 55 1-3 votes.
Geo. Elsasser, 110, No, 55 1-3 votes.
Frank Whiting, Yes, 96 votes.
Albert Graham, 210, Yes, 74 votes.
J. V. O'Connor, 310, No, 12 votes.
B. Olson, 310, No, 12 votes.
John Kiviniemi, 330, Yes, 16 votes.
Joseph Wagner, 330, Yes, 16 votes.
Roger Francezon, 510, Yes, 16 votes.
Geo. Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, Yes, 78 votes.
Grand Total: 486 votes; 406 2-3 Yes, 79 1-3 No.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-O'Connor, 310): That we raise the initiation fee to three dollars ($3) and dues to one dollar ($1), and this go out on referendum ballot with sliding scale.

Ruled out of order by the Chairman.

Elsasser, 110, appeals from decision of the chair.

Vote taken on sustaining chair: Yes, five; opposed, 4. Chair is sustained.

Chairman rules that convention stand adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, THIRD DAY

Convention called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Chairman Foster.

Delegates present: Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Report of Alfred Kohn as G. E. B. Member.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Kiviniemi, 330): That this report be accepted as progress.—Carried.

Report of Alfred Kohn, Manager of the printing plant:

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Olson, 310): That we accept the report of the manager of the printing plant as progress, and that the recommendations be turned over to the Ways and Means Committee.—Carried.

Report of Carl Keller, Chairman of the G. E. B.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-Wagner, 330): That we accept the report of Carl Keller, Chairman of the G. E. B.—Carried.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-Francezon, 510): That we accept Keller's report as Acting Secretary of the General Defense.—Carried.

Report of the Press Committee.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Wagner, 330): That the Press report be accepted and sent to the different publications of the I. W. W.—Carried.

Report of Arthur Coleman, General Secretary-Treasurer of the I. W. W.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Whiting, 120): That we accept the report of Arthur Coleman, General Secretary-Treasurer.—Carried.

Report of Felix Mattson, 210-220 G. E. B. Member of the I. W. W.

M. & S. (Graham, 210-220-Francezon, 510): That the report of Mattson be accepted.—Carried.

Report of Lee Tulin, Secretary of the California Branch of the General Defense.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Olson, 310): That the report of Tulin be accepted.—Carried.

Report of the Grievance Committee

By Chairman Thorpe.

Grievance No. 1 of H. B. Chapman, I. U. 110:

We, the Grievance Committee, after due consideration of the case of Fellow Worker Chapman, concur with the action of the A. W. I. U. No. 110 in holding him responsible for full amount due I. U. No. 110, and the organization, and declare that we can not allow anyone to pay fines with organization money.

(SIGNED) **Frank Whiting, 120; Frank Thorpe, 110; J. V. O'Connor, 310.**

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with the Grievance Committee's report.—Carried.

Grievance No. 2 of Pete Beazley, supposed to be an expelled member of the I. W. W.:

We, the Grievance Committee, concur with the action of the 16th Annual Convention of the I. W. W. and the referendum ballot regarding the expulsion of all members who jumped their bond in Sacramento, Calif., and his reinstatement in the organization be refused. Also that John Jackson, financial secretary-treasurer of I. U. No. 330 be stopped from allowing an expelled member of the Industrial Workers of the World to function as a delegate of I. U. 330, and that Pete Beazley's supplies and card be taken up at once.

(SIGNED) **Frank Whiting, 120; Frank Thorpe, 110; J. V. O'Connor, 310.**

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Graham, 210-220): That we do not concur with the Grievance Committee. Yes, 1; no, 8.

Graham seconded motion through misunderstanding of Grievance Committee's report.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Elsasser, 110): That we concur with Grievance Committee. For, 9; opposed, none.

Reading of minutes of day's session.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That minutes be accepted as read and corrected. Yes, 9; opposed, none.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—THURSDAY, NOV. 12

Convention called to order by Chairman Foster at 9 a. m.

Delegates present: Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s. Francezon, I. U. 510, reported at 9:25 a. m.

Report of Grievance Committee

Grievance No. 3; I. U. 110, of the seventy-three members of the I. W. W. from the Cass County Jail, Fargo, N. D., and referred by the 1925 Annual Convention of the A. W. I. U. No. 110 to the 17th Annual Convention of the I. W. W. against John P. Kelly, member of I. U. No. 310.

Whereas, John P. Kelly, did on the 20th of Aug., 1925, violate and break the solidarity of the 73 men confined in that jail in accepting bail or release when he knew the only purpose of the majority of those men was to get the jail so full that they might all gain their release at once. Therefore Be It Resolved: That the expultion of John P. Kelly be referred to the General Convention.

Majority report: Grievance Committee; Frank Thorpe, I. U. 110; Frank Whiting, I. U. 120; recommend that he be expelled from the Industrial Workers of the World.

Minority report: Grievance Committee; James V. O'Connor, I. U. 310; that the charges against John P. Kelly of I. U. 310, be turned over to the I. U. 310 main office, to be acted on according to Article 3 of the General By-laws.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Graham, 210-220): That we accept the minority report.

Record vote called for by chair.

Elsasser, 110, no; Thorpe, 110, no; Foster, 110, no; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Wagner, 330, no; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Yes, 6; no, 5.

Motion to concur with minority report carried.

Grievance No. 4 of Felix Thornton, card No. 196,-875, member of I. U. 110, and referred by the 1925 General Convention of the A. W. I. U. 110 to the 17th Annual Convention of the I. W. W.:

We, the Grievance Committee, recommend that owing to the financial condition of the general organization, that we grant his request of thirty-five dollars ($35) to I. U. 110 to clear his account, and ask him to get in communication with general headquarters regarding the remainder of his account, and this to be paid if so desired.

(SIGNED) J. V. O'Connor, 310; Frank Whiting, 120; Frank Thorpe, 110.

M. & S. (Olson, 310-Graham, 210-220): That we concur with the committee's report.—Carried.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Elsasser, 110): That the report of the Grievance Committee be accepted as progress.—Carried.

Report and reading of communications and bills.

Telegram from Manhattan branch of the Marine Transport Workers.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Whiting, 120): That it be accepted as read.—Carried.

Communication from Peo Monoldi, Los Angeles, California.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I .U.'s-Olson, 310): That we accept the communication of Monoldi as read and it be turned over to the Ways and Means Committee.

Amendment: (O'Connor, 310-Wagner, 330): That we accept the communication of Monoldi, and that it be turned over to the various committees.

Amendment to amendment: (Kiviniemi, 330-Whiting, 120): That this communication be accepted and referred to the G. E. B. For, 4; opposed, 4.—Chair rules it should go back.

Communication from Wm. Drenan, G. E. B. member from I. U. 510.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Graham, 210-220): That the communication from Drenan be filed for future reference.

Amendment: (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we accept Drenan's resignation as a G. E. B. Member and censure him for not making a written report to this convention as a G. E. B. Member. For, 5; opposed, 2.—Carried.

Communication from Pete Beazley, Delegate B5-150, San Francisco, Calif.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Francezon, 510): That the communication of Pete Beazley be filed. For, 5; opposed, 3.—Carried.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-O'Connor, 310): That we give Fellow Worker John Jackson, Secretary I. U. 330, special privileges of speaking to the convention. —Carried.

Communication from Kristen Svanum, Secretary I. U.'s 210-220, Butte, Montana, read.

M. & S. (Graham, 210-220-O'Connor, 310): That the communication from I. U. 210-220 be referred to the Grievance Committee. For, 8; opposed, 1.—Carried.

Report of Ways and Means Committee

Report No. 1, in regard to new report sheet.

The Ways and Means Committee concur with I. U. 510 to adopt a new report sheet.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Olson, 310): That we do not concur with the Ways and Means Committee and adopt the new report sheet, to be put in the field by the secretaries of the industrial unions.—Carried.

Report No. 2, on resolution from New York branch of Building Construction Workers' I. U. 330.

Resolution No. 3, regarding neglected assessments.

Such industrial union or branch which has sold assessment stamps of any form, and has not remitted the money where it belongs, must not receive any more of said stamps, until previously-received stamps are paid in full.

The Ways and Means Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-Thorep, 110): That we concur with the Ways and Means Committee.—Carried.

Report No. 3, in regard to the recommendation from Fellow Worker Kohn in regard to selling the printing plant:

"I recommend that the building be transferred from the Equity to a holding company, such holding company to buy the building, issue shares of $10 denomination for the value of the building (conservatively $47,000), not more than 49 per cent of same to be sold, by which sale said holding company could replay to the Equity the money invested in the building by said Equity and the Equity in turn could pay all their obligations and operate on a cash basis, which would in turn enable the Equity to make in discounts and more economical buying at least $1,200 to $1,500 a year."

The Ways and Means Committee does not concur with Fellow Worker Kohn.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with the Ways and Means Committee. For, 8; opposed, 1.—Motion carried.

The Chair rules we hear the Press report before adjournment.

Report of the Press Committee

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Olson, 310): That we accept the Press report and that it be sent to various publications of the I. W. W.—Carried.

Convention stands adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION THURSDAY NOV. 12TH

Convention called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Chairman Foster.

Delegates present: Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Continuing report of the Ways and Means Committee.

Report No. 4, resolution from New York branch of Building Construction Workers' I. U. 330.

Resolution No. 4, regarding financial condition.

To find a way to remedy the present financial situation at headquarters, we suggest that everyone who is able to donate at least one dollar ($1) should do so.

The Ways and Means Committee do not concur.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Olson, 310): That we concur with the committee.—Carried.

No. 8, (S. I. U. No. 10; Finance):

Resolved, That all industrial unions and directly chartered locals pay cash for supplies.

The Ways and Means Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Wagner, 330): That we concur with the committee.

M. & S. (Elsaser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That this resolution be tabled until the By-laws Committee makes a report on form of organizing these chartered locals. For, 8; opposed, 1.—Carried.

No. 9, (S. I. U. No. 11; Finance):

Resolved, That all past debts to the general organization be wiped out upon the cash basis being adopted.

Ruled by the Chair that this resolution be tabled until the report of the Resolutions Committee.

No. 6, (S. I. U.'s No. 9; Finance):

That the building, if it is to be retained, be paid for by an assessment stamp sufficient to cover the yearly payments.

The Ways and Means Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Olson, 310-Elsasser, 110): That we concur with the committee. For, 6; opposed, 4.—Carried.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Thorpe, 110): That we accept the report of the Ways and Means Committee. —Carried.

Report of Arthur Coleman as Business Manager of Industrial Solidarity and Industrial Pioneer.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Graham, 210-220): That we accept the verbal report of Fellow Worker Coleman.—Carried.

Report of Resolutions Committee

Resolution No. 5, Series A (from Oakland branch of I. U. 330):

Whereas, The present delegate system does not function properly to the best interests of the organization as a whole; and

Whereas, The delinquent list of delegates is getting longer every year; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all industrial unions limit the amount of supplies issued to job delegates to fifty dollars ($50) and said delegates not to be issued any more supplies unless they can produce a receipt for remittance for supplies already received.

Committee does not concur, as it is a matter to be decided by the various industrial unions.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with the committee.—Carried.

Resolution No. 6, Series A (from Oakland branch of I. U. 330), referred back to committee by the convention for redrafting:

Be It Resolved, That the general headquarters issue a general delinquent delegates list of all I. U.'s and officials of the I. W. W., to be in the field not later than the 1st of May of each year. The cost of printing same be charged to the I. U.'s on a pro-rata basis.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we concur with the committee on substitute. Yes, 3; opposed, 6.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Francezon, 510): That Resolution No. 6, Series A, be sent back to the Resolutions Committee for redrafting. Yes, 7; opposed, none.—Carried.

Resolution No. 16, Series A (from I. U. 120):

Resolved, That the General Secretary-Treasurer the I. W. W. countersign all checks with the Sec retary-Treasurer of I. U. 120; and that on sufficient protest from members of I. U. 120, the General Executive Board shall take over the office of I. U. 120 until such time as a referendum can be put out for the election of a new Secretary-Treasurer for I. U. 120.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-O'Connor, 310): That we do not concur with the committee. Yes, 2; no, 8.—Motion Lost. Francezon, 510, recorded as voting "Yes" on motion.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with committee. Yes, 8; no, 2.

Resolution No. 17, Series A (from I. U. 120):

Resolved, That the General Executive Board of the I. W. W. be directed to conduct referendums for Lumber Workers' Industrial Union No. 120 according to directions of this convention.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Whiting, 120): That we concur with the committee.

Record vote called for: Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Yes, 9; no, 2.—Motion carried.

Resolution No. 21, Series A (from S. I. U.'s No. 19.

A letter from W. C. Goldschmidt referred to the General Convention without recommendation.

Committee recommends that letter be filed as the subject matter contained in same is covered by resolutions from different industrial unions.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we do not concur with Resolutions Committee and letter be turned over to the Ways and Means Committee. Yes, 2; no, 8.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with the Resolutions Committee. Yes, 8; no, 2.—Motion carried.

Resolution No. 22, Series A (from I. U. 120):

Resolved, That the General Executive Board be instructed to grant space in the General Office monthly bulletin for financial statements of the receipts and expenses of I. U. 120, and the I. U. 120 pay actual cost of space used.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Whiting, 120-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with committee. Yes, 7; no, 3.—Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2, Series A (from I. U. 120):

Resolved, That we suggest to the coming General Convention of the I. W. W. that they give all possible support to the Industrial Worker and Industrial Solidarity; and dispense with or suspend the publication of the Industrial Pioneer.

Resolution 3, No. 24, Series A (from S. I. U.'s):

Whereas, The Industrial Pioneer is costing the organization several hundred dollars each month; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention request the delegates to the General Convention to discontinue the publication of the Industrial Pioneer if it cannot be published without a large deficit each month, and that Industrial Solidarity be made an eight-page paper.

The committee recommends the following substitute for the above two resolutions:

"Be It Resolved, That the I. W. W. give all possible support to Industrial Worker, Industrial Solidarity and Industrial Pioneer."

M. & S. (Olson, 310-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with the report of the committee.

Record vote called for: Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s yes. Yes, 9; no, 2.—Motion carried.

Resolution No. 4, No. 25, Series A (from S.I.U.'s):

Resolved, That the I. W. W. papers take paid advertisements in their columns.

Reasons: We think that their poor financial condition could be strengthened to at least some extent by taking paid advertisements, and we cannot see how they would affect their principles. We have only Industrialisti on a self-sustaining basis, and although it has been taking paid advertisements, it has been edited following the principles of I. W. W. as closely as Industrial Solidarity or Industrial Worker; and when Industrialisti can be sustained by taking paid advertisements, why not have them in Solidarity and Worker also, and by doing so get them on a sound financial basis—?

Majority report does not concur with resolution; Elsasser, 110, Wagner, 330.

Minority report:

That all I. W. W. publications, in order to run without a loss, take advertisements. Albert Graham, 210-220.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Olson, 310): That we concur with the majority report.

Record vote called for: Thorpe, yes, Elsasser, yes; Foster, yes; Whiting, yes; Graham, no; O'Connor, yes; Olson, yes; Kiviniemi, yes; Wagner, yes; Francezon, no; Mincoff, yes. Yes, 9; opposed 2.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-O'Connor, 310): That we accept the report of Resolutions Committee as progress.—Carried.

Report of G. E. B. Member Svante Hendrickson.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Kiviniemi, 330): That the report of G. E. B. Member S. Hendrickson be accepted as read and filed for future reference.

Yes, 10; opposed, none.—Motion carried.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Olson, 310): That the minutes be accepted as read and corrected.—Yes, 10; opposed, none.—Carried.

Adjourned at 5:40 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—NOVEMBER 13, 1925

Convention called to order by Chairman Foster at 9 a. m.

Delegates present: Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Report of Constitution & By-laws Committee

Resolution No. 5 (S. I. U.'s No. 3; Finance):

To alter the General Constitution;

Whereas, The depending upon voluntary stamps to finance the defense, etc., has brought us to the position where we have no defense and are compelled to surrender our defense to outside bodies; and

Whereas, We must have a clear policy on defense; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Article 7, Section 4, be stricken from the constitution, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That two fifty-cent assessments be levied each year, to be used for defense and press.

Resolution No. 7 (I. U. 110; Rec. 3):

That we concur with the Ways and Means Committee in the indorsement of a fifty-cent (50c) press stamp to finance the press in English publications.

Resolution No. 8 (I. U. 330; No. 3):

Be It Resolved, That ten cents (10c) from each dues stamp be used for the press and ten cents (10c) for General Defense.

Resolution No. 9 (I. U. 330; No. 5):

Be It Resolved, That in case of an emergency, the G. E. B. be given power to levy a general assessment, not to be over two dollars ($2) per year per member.

Resolution No. 10 (I. U. 330; No. 6):

Be It Resolved, That all voluntary assessments be abolished and that in the future all assessments be compulsory.

Substitute for the whole, made by the committee to amend Article 7, Section 4 of the General Constitution:

Resolution No. 1:

Whereas, In the past we have had five and six assessment stamps in the field at once, causing a lot of confusion; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Executive Board put out a quarterly assessment stamp of one dollar ($1), to be used as follows: 20 percent to go to the General Headquarters; 15 percent to the Press; 15 percent to the General Defense; and 50 percent to the industrial union; and that all other assessment stamps be called in. Each member must have these stamps in his card in order to be in good standing in the I. W. W.

The committee concurs.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Francezon, 510): That we concur with the committee.

Amendment: (Kiviniemi, 330-Wagner, 330): That the G. E. B. have power to take it out of the field whenever it is no longer required.

The Chair ruled amendment out of order.

O'Connor, 310, appeals from decision of the chair.

Vote taken: For, 1; opposed, 4.

Chair not sustained.

Amendment is in order.

Chairman Foster put in his resignation from the Chair.

M. & S. (Francezon, 510-Olson, 310): That the resignation of the Chairman be accepted. For, 4; opposed, 5.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Francezon, 510): That we proceed with the nomination and election of a new Chairman.—Carried.

O'Connor, 310, Thorpe, 110, Francezon, 510, Wagner, 330, Olson, 310, Kiviniemi, 330, were nominated.

M. & S. (Mincoff S. I. U.'s-Wagner, 330): That nominations be closed.—Carried.

All nominations were declined except Francezon.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Mincoff, S. I. U.): That Francezon be elected by acclamation.—Carried.

Francezon, 510, took the chair, and ruled amendment out of order.

Mincoff called for a record vote on the motion.

Foster, 110, yes; Thorpe, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. For, 9; opposed 1.—Motion Carried.

Article 7, Section 3. This will be known as (c):

All dues stamps for all industrial unions must be of the same design without the price printed on them.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Wagner 330): That we concur with the committee.—Carried.

Article 7, Section 3. To be known as (d):

A page should be provided in the credentials fully stating the initiation fee and the dues charged by every industrial union for the information of delegates and branch secretaries.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Graham, 210-220): That concur with the committee.—Carried.

rticle 7, Section 2:

r capita of industrial unions shall be at the f seven and one-half (7 1-2) cents per month ember.

1 (S. I. U.'s No. 1; Finance):

mend the General Constitution:

Whereas, The general organization cannot operate on 7 1-2 cents per capita with its present membership, and the work we have permitted it to undertake—the sum of money per month for twenty thousand members at this rate being only $1,500—; and

Whereas, The general organization should be able to keep at service general organizers to concentrate upon some industry when the time is opportune and to assist industrial unions involved in disputes with employers; and

Whereas, A per capita of 15 cents would only provide $1,500 for each thousand members; and we have not now over 20,000 members; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Article 7, Section 2, be amended to read "15 cents. (Note error in reference to revenue for each thousand members).

No. 2; (I. U. 110; No. 21):

Whereas, At the present time, the per capita of industrial unions is at the rate of 7 1-2 cents per month, and dues fifty cents (50c) per month; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in case the one dollar ($1) dues carry, the per capita be raised to fifteen cents (15c) per month per member.

No. 3 (I. U. 330; No. 3):

Be It Resolved: That this branch go on record as being in favor of raising the per capita tax to 30 percent of total dues collected, and that the general organization shall receive one dollar ($1) from every initiation, which sum shall be used to pay for a six-month subscription to any one of our periodicals that the new member may designate.

Elsasser, 110, reported at 10:45 a. m.

No. 4 (I. U. 330; No. 2):

Be It Resolved, That in case the one dollar ($1) a month dues carries, that the per capita to general headquarters be raised to twenty-five cents (25c).

Substitute for Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and to amend Article 7, Section 2:

The per capita of industrial unions shall be at the rate of 15 percent per month per member.

The committee concurs.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Olson, 310): That we concur with the committee.

M. & S. (Thorpe-Olson): To withdraw this motion.

Chair rules that motion can be withdrawn with the consent of the second, and vice versa. Appeal taken from the decision of the chair by O'Connor. For, 6; opposed, 4.—Chair sustained.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Wagner, 330): That we concur with the committee.

A roll call vote was called for by Foster, 110, seconded by Olson, 310.

Frank Thorpe, 110, Yes, 55 1-3 votes.
J. B. Foster, 110, Yes, 55 1-3 votes.
Geo. Elsasser, 110, Yes, 55 1-3 votes.
Frank Whiting, 120, Yes, 96 votes.
Albert Graham, 210, No. 74 votes.
J. V. O'Connor, 310, No, 12 votes.
B. Olson, 310, Yes, 12 votes.
John Kiviniemi, 330, No. 16 votes.
Joseph Wagner, 330, No. 16 votes.
Roger Francezon, 510, No, 16 votes.
Geo. Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, No, 78 votes.
Grand Total: Votes, 386; Yes, 212; No. 274.

Motion lost.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Whitney, 310): That this resolution be turned back to the committee for redrafting.—Carried.

Report of the Press Committee.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Foster, 110): That we accept the Press report, and that it be sent to the different publications of the I. W. W.—Carried.

Convention adjourns until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION FRIDAY NOV. 13TH

Convention called to order by Chairman Francezon at 1:30 p. m.

Delegates present: Elsasser, Thorpe, Foster, Whiting, Graham, O'Connor, Olson, Wagner, Kiviniemi, Francezon and Mincoff.

Report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee.

Substitute for Article 7, Section 2, to be amended to read:

The per capita of industrial unions shall be at the rate of 15 percent per month per member of the dues charged.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-Wagner, 330): That we concur with the committee. For, 8; opposed, 1.—Carried.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Foster, 110): That we accept the report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee as progress.—Carried.

Report of the Grievance Committee.

Case No. 5—I. U.'s 210-220—against Ed Hayes:

We, the Grievance Committee, recommend that the case of Ed Hayes be put over to the next general convention of the I. W. W.

And that the Secretary-Treasurer of I. U.'s 210-220 submit all evidence in the case to the next general convention, and that Ed Hayes be notified that his case will come up.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Graham, 210-220-Wagner, 330): That we do not concur with the committee.

Record vote called for: Foster, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe 110, no; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, no; Wagner, 330, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon not voting; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. For, 6; opposed 4.—Motion carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Elsasser, 110): That this convention go on record as upholding the decision of the 16th Annual Convention in regard to the case of Ed Hayes.

Record vote called for by Graham, 210-220: Thorpe, 110, no; Foster, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, no; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, no; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Yes, 4; no, 6.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Wagner, 330): That we turn it back to the Grievance Committee.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we table the whole proceedings of the Ed Hayes case. For, 6; opposed, 3.—Motion carried.

Grievance No. 6—from Frederick W. Zinn.

After reviewing the case of F. W. Zinn, we concur with the 1923 Convention of the M. T. W. I. U. No. 510 in his suspension, until he makes a satisfactory report to his industrial union, 510.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Whiting, 120): That we concur with the report of the Grievance Committee.—Carried.

Grievance No. 7—from I. U. No. 110.

That we instruct the delegates to the General Convention that anybody who has been proven to be active in the E. P.'s be not allowed to come back into the organization.

Committee concurs and recommends that a list of their names be on file.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with the Grievance Committee. Yes, 9; opposed, 2.

Record vote called for by O'Connor, 310. Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, no; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, no. For, 9; opposed, 2.—Motion carried.

Amendment: (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Graham, 210-220): That the report be turned back to the Grievance Committee, and they be instructed to bring in a list of active E. P.'s.

Record vote called for by Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Thorpe, 110, no; Foster, 110, no; Elsasser, 110, no; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, no; Kiviniemi, 330, no; Wagner, 330, no; Francezon, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s yes. Yes, 2; opposed, 9.—Amendment Lost.

Grievance No. 8—from I. U. 110; 15-A:

After due consideration of data on hand, we recommend that the A. W. I. U. No. 110 Convention declare all debts square on a 50-50 basis up to October 1, 1925, between I. U. 310 and I. U. 110, owing to the financial situation of both industrial unions.

Majority report concurs: Thorpe, I. U. 110, Whiting, I. U. 120. Minority report—As it is strictly an I. U. affair, I recommend that it be settled between the I. U.'s involved. O'Connor, 310.

M. & S. (Olson, 310-O'Connor, 310): That we concur with the Minority report. Yes, 4; opposed, 6.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with the Majority report. Yes, 6; no, —Motion carried.

Grievance No. 9 as contest of auditing committee against W. H. Meyers for $27 which there is no receipt shown for.

On investigation of the above, committee recommends that W. H. Meyers should not be held responsible for the $27 as the bookkeeper Nick Radivo ff acknowledges return of said amount.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-Elsasser, 110): That we concur with the committee. Yes, 10; no, none—Carried.

Grievance No. 10—John L. Metzen.

On investigation of the John L. Metzen case we, the Grievance Committee, recommend the bills of the above party be recognized as a legitimate debt, and that we instruct the Secretary of Defense to pay at least a portion of this bill with the first money available.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Olson, 310): That we concur with the committee.—Carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Elsasser, 110): That the report of the Grievance Committee be accepted as progress.—Carried.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Foster, 110): That Grievance Committee investigate where $27.00 on Grievance No. 9 went to.—Carried.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we refer communication from Frank Norman to the Grievance Committee. Yes, 8; no, 1.—Carried.

Report of the Ways and Means Committee is that they have nothing to report at this time.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Whiting, 120): That we accept the report of the Ways and Means Committee as progress.—Carried.

Report of Resolutions Committee.

Resolution No. 6 (Series A) sent back to the committee for redrafting:

Be It Resolved, That the General Headquarters issue a general delinquent list of all I. U.'s of the I. W. W. to be in the field not later than the first of May each year.

Committee recommends the following substitut

Be It Resolved, That the General Headquart issue a general delinquent list of all delegates all I. U.'s and officials and employes of the I. W same to be in the field not later than the fi May of each year, and the cost of printing sa be paid by the I. U.'s on a pro-rata basis.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Foster, 110): T concur with the committee.—Carried.

Resolution No. 1—from Portland district, I. U. 310:

That we recommend to the General Convention that the office of branch secretary be abolished and the office of joint branch secretary be created. The joint branch secretary to draw supplies direct from General Headquarters. He will also be credentialed from General Headquarters and will be considered a member at large. His duties shall be to attend to the organization work of the various I. U.'s functioning in his locality. He will remain in office at all times. Every week he will make up his report to the different I. U.'s for which he has done business. He will deduct the cost of running of the office and his wages and divide them pro-rata among the I. U.'s for which he has done business and remit each I. U. its share. His tenure of office shall be one year. He will devote his entire time and energy to the needs of the organization. At least once a month he will send a complete statement to the General Headquarters of all busines done; this statement to be audited by at least three members in good standing before being sent to the General Headquarters.

Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we do not concur with the committee.

Motion and report held in abeyence until tomorrow.

Reading of minutes of day's session.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Wagner, 330): That the reading of the minutes be accepted as corrected.—Carried.

MORNING SESSION—NOVEMBER 14, 1925

Convention called to order by Chairman Francezon at 9 a. m.

Delegates present: Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

A new delegate, Charles Schults card No. 823,-581, of I. U. 510 present.

The Credentials Committe reports that on reviewing the card of Charles Schultes, 510, it finds he is eligible to sit as a delegate to this convention.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Kiviniemi, 330): That we accept the report of the Credentials Committee and that Fellow Worker Charles Schultes be seated.—Carried.

Privilege motion: (Elsasser, 110-Whiting, 120): That hereafter any delegate elected by the I. U.'s that their index card shall be sent to the Convention by their I. U.'s with his credentials.—Carried.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That Article 5, Section 4, of the General Constitution be turned over to the By-laws Committee to be redrafted. For, 7; opposed, 3.—Carried.

Report of the Resolutions Committee held in abeyance by the convention on Nov. 13, 1925, continued.

Report on Resolution No. 1—from Portland District, I. U. 310.

Amendment to motion: (Olson, 310-Kiviniemi, 330): That we refer all resolutions back to the Resolutions Committee that pertain to the same subject. For, 5; opposed, 6.—Amendment Lost.

Chair rules that discussion cannot be reopened after voting the amendment down to act on the motion.

Appeal taken from decision of the chair by O'Connor, I. U. 310, on ruling.

Ruling of the Chair sustained.

Record vote on motion called for by O'Connor: Elsasser, 110, no; Thorpe, 110, no; Foster, 110, no;
no; Graham, 210-220, no; O'Co

emi, 330, yes; Schultes, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Yes, 4; opposed, 8.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Whiting, 120): That we concur with the committee. For, 6; opposed, 4.—Motion Carried.

Resolutions pertaining to S. I. U.'s:

No. 1 (I. U. No. 510; No. 6):

Whereas, The Small Industrial Unions of the I. W. W. are declining under the present system of administration; and

Whereas, These Small Industrial Unions should be large, inasmuch as they involve the workers in 19 industries; and

Whereas, Struggles on the part of the larger industrial unions are handicapped by not having support from this section of the working class; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the future chartering of the Small Idustrial Unions be upon a local industrial union basis, such locals to be under the supervision of the G. E. B., and directly attached to the general organization, paying a per capita tax slightly larger than chartered industrial union; and, be it further

Resolved, That these locals be subject to all of the laws of the general organization and such bylaws as may be enacted for their government; and, be it still further

Resolved, That whenever a degree of organization of seven or more locals, with a total membership of not less than five thousand is attained in any industry, the G. E. B. shall call a convention of such industrial union, where laws for the government of such industrial union shall be drawn by officers elected, and such industrial union chartered.

Resolution No. 2 (I. U. 330; No. 1):

Be It Resolved, That all unions now in the department of Small Industrial Unions be merged together and chartered as the Recruiting Union of the I. W. W. under the following plan:

A—The charters of all the Small Industrial Unions and branches to be revoked;

B—Wherever there are branches of any industry now in existence, they shall be given branch charters of the Recruiting Union stating what industry they belong to;

C—These branches shall be permitted to conduct all business in their locality pertaining to their industry without interference from members of other industries. None but workers of that industry being eligible to membership in the branch;

D—Whenever a sufficient number of branches of any industry becomes organized, they shall call a conference and organize an industrial union and apply for an Industrial Union charter;

E—Whenever a new industrial union is chartered, it shall receive a just proportion of the funds of the Recruiting Union treasury;

F—The membership of the Recruiting Union to elect its own secretary and one organizer, and, except as otherwise stated, to have the same rights as other industrial unions.

Resolution No. 10 (S. I. U.'s No. 9):

Whenever a sufficient number of branches of any industry become organized, a convention shall be called and an Industrial Union charted issued them.

Resolution No. 11 (S. I. U.'s No. 8):

The Recruiting Union shall elect one member to the General Executive Board.

Resolution No. 12 (S. I. U.'s No. 7):

The Recruiting Union shall have complete charge of its treasury, the same as the Industrial Unions, and shall pay the same per capita tax to the general organization and otherwise conduct its business as an Industrial Union.

Resolution No. 13 (S. I. U.'s No. 6):

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Resolution No. 14 (S. I. U.'s No. 1):

All unions now in the department of Small Industrial Unions shall be merged together into one Recruiting Union.

Resolution No. 15 (S. I. U.'s No. 17):

Membership records shall be kept in headquarters as usual, filed according to industries, so that the exact membership in all industries may at all times be known.

The committee substitutes for the whole:

Proposal for General Recruiting Union:

1—All industrial unions now in the department of the Small Industrial Unions shall be merged together into one Recruiting Union, which shall be known as "The General Recruiting Union of the I. W. W.";

2—The recruiting union shall be composed of recruiting branches, industrial branches, and members at large;

3—Industrial Union branches shall consist of fifty or more members engaged in any particular indusrty in a certain locality;

4—General recruiting union branches shall consist of twenty or more members in any certain locality employed in industries not under the jurisdiction of a chartered industrial union;

5—Members at large shall be such members as shall at present or in the future desire to become members of the I. W. W., and who are not in the vicinity of a chartered industrial union branch nor a G. R. U. branch;

6—Members of the G. R. U. shall elect their own secretary-treasurer, and, except as otherwise indicated, shall have same rights as any chartered industrial union;

8—The G. R. U. shall elect its own member to the General Executive Board of the I. W. W.;

9—Membership records shall be kept in the G. R. U. headquarters as usual, filed according to industries, so that the exact membership in all industries shall be known at all times;

10—Whenever a degree of organization of seven or more branches and at least 3000 members are attained in any industry, a convention shall be called thereupon, and they shall be issued an Industrial Union charter.

J. Wagner; Geo. Elsasser.

The majority concurs with the substitution of Wagner, 310, and Elsasser, 110.

The minority report, made by Graham, 210-220:

I believe Resolution No. 1, I. U. 510, is the best for the Small Industrial Unions to get them out of the box.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we concur with the majority report.—Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Thorpe, 110): That this convention authorizes and instructs the Secretary of the Small Industrial Unions to issue a call for resolutions to be sent from conference meetings, etc.; to provide for by-laws for the G. R. U., same to be arranged by a committee and placed on a ballot.—Carried.

Report of the Resolutions Committee on Resolutions No. 3, (S. I. U.); Nos. 21, 5, (S. I. U.'s); No. 6, (S. I. U.'s No. 14):

No. 3 (S. I. U.'s; No. 21):

That more free literature be put out by the Foodstuff Workers.

No. 5 (S. I. U.'s; No. 15):

That the Secretary-Treasurer and the coming conference of the S. I. U.'s ask the general main office to issue new leaflets, especially for I. U. 440.

No. 6 (S. I. U.'s; No. 14):

That the Secretary-Treasurer of the Small Industrial Unions send out to the branch secretaries and [illegible] financial reports showing all secretaries and job delegates functioning with headquarters of the Small Industrial Unions.

The Resolutions Committee reports that these resolutions be referred to the Secretary-Treasurer of the S. I. U.'s for action.

M. & S. (Olson, 310-Foster, 110): That we concur with the committee.—Carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-O'Connor, 310): That report of Resolutions Committee be accepted as progress.—Carried.

Privilege motion: (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-O'Connor, 310): That we elect a committee of three to correct minutes. For, 6; opposed, 1.—Carried.

Delegates Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Thorpe, 110; Olson, 310; Schultes, 510; O'Connor, 310, were nominated.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Foster, 110): That nominations be closed.—Carried.

Delegates Thorpe, 110; and O'Connor, 310; decline.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Elsasser, 110): That Fellow Workers Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, Olson, 310, and Schultes be elected by acclamation.—Carried.

Resolution adopted by I. U. 310 conference at Portland, Oregon, November 3, 1925:

Resolution No. 3:

Whereas, The present way of financing the organization has been found cumbersome and wanting, and a whole lot of unnecessary work can be eliminated such as printing a lot of voluntary assessment stamps; and

Whereas, Said stamps are too anarchistic and do not fill the need, neither do they foster discipline in the organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we go on record to do away with all voluntary assessment stamps, and that General Headquarters install a budget system that will cover all expenses for the ensuing year, i. e., such as Defense, Publications, Educational, Printing and Building expenses, and tha tthe per capita be raised sufficiently to cover every need.

The Ways and Means Committee does not concur as it has already been acted on by this convention.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with the committee.

For, 7; opposed 4.—Carried.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Wagner, 330): That we accept report of the Ways and Means Committee as progress.—Carried.

Report of the Press Committee.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Foster, 110): That we accept the report of the Press Committee, and that it be sent to the different publications of the I. W. W.—Carried.

Reading of the minutes.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Foster, 110): That minutes be accepted as read, subject to final correction by Minutes Committee.

MORNING SESSION—NOVEMBER 16, 1925

Convention called to order by Chairman Francezon, 510, at 9 a. m.

Delegates present: Thorpe, 110, Elsasser, 110, Foster, 110, Whiting, 120, Graham, 210-220, O'Connor, 310, Olson, 310, Wagner, 330, Kiviniemi, 330, Schultes, 510, and Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Reading of communications.

Wire from I. U. 210-220, Butte, Montana; C. Svanum.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That the telegram from Butte, Montana, I. U. 210-220, be filed.—Carried.

Resolution by Frank Whiting, 120.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Elsasser, 110): That we do not accept the communication from Whiting. Six for, four opposed

Communication from G.

Business Manager of Il Proletario, Brooklyn, New York.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S.I.U.'s-O'Connor, 310): That this resolution from Mangano be turned over to the Resolutions Committee. Three for, eight opposed. —Motion lost.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-O'Connor, 310): That we do not concur with the resolution from Mangano.

Amendment: (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we accept the communication as read and do not concur with the resolution, and that the communication be filed.

Record vote called for by O'Connor, 310: Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Schultes, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes.—Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Whiting, 120): That this convention accept no more communications from any individual with the exception of officials of this organization. Six for, five opposed.—Carried.

Amendment: (Mincoff, S.I.U.'s-Kiviniemi, 330): that we do not accept any more resolutions from now on.

Chair rules amendment is out of order.

Mincoff appeals from the decision of the chair.

Five for, four opposed on vote to sustain chair. Chair sustained.

Communication from Calgary Conference, I. U. 110, Calgary, Nov. 8, 1925.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-O'Connor, 310): That the communication from Calgary Conference be received and filed.

Amendment: (Olson, 310-Kiviniemi, 330): That the minutes be turned over to the various committees.

Amendment to amendment: (Elsasser, 110-Whiting, 120): That all parts pertaining to this communication be turned over to the various officials of the I. W. W. so they can be acted upon. Seven for, four opposed.—Amendment to amendment carried.

Report of Constitution and By-laws Committee.

Article 1, Section 2:

The Industrial Workers of the World shall be composed of actual wage workers brought together in an organization embodying Industrial Departments, Industrial Unions and Industrial District Councils.

Article 1, Section 2, to be amended to read: General Recruiting Union instead of Industrial District Councils.

The committee concurs.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Foster, 110): That we concur with the committee.—Carried.

Article 3, Section 3, to be amended to read "G. R. U." where it now reads "S. I. U.'s."

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Olson, 310): That we concur with the committee.—Carried.

Amendment "B," to Article 7, Section 4:

Any official of the I. W. W. who fails to remit money collected for a specified purpose shall be removed from office immediately by the G. E. B.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Wagner, 330): That we concur with the committee. All opposed.—Motion lost.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-O'Connor, 310): That we not concur with the committee, and that Article Section 4B be referred back to the Constitution By-laws Committee for redrafting.—Carried.

Article 10, Section 5:

Whenever a degree of organization of seven or more branches, and at least three thousand members is attained in any industry, a convention shall be called thereupon and they shall be issued an industrial union charter. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with the committee.—Carried.

Article 9, Section 2B:

Any member of chartered unions when working in another industrial union over thirty days and fails to transfer, shall be considered a member in bad standing. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Wagner, 330): That we concur with the committee. Eight for, three opposed.—Carried.

Convention adjourned at 1:30 p. m.

Convention called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Chairman Francezon.

Delegates present: Thorpe, 110; Elsasser, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Schultes, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, and Francezon, 510.

Report of the Press Committee.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Foster, 110): That we accept the report and that it be sent to the various papers.—Carried.

Communication from P. J. Welinder, ex-S[illegible]tary-Treasurer pro tempore, and ex-G. E. B. Me[illegible]ber.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Elsasser, 110): That we do not accept the report of P. J. Welinder, ex-G. E. B. Member, and ex-Secretary-Treasurer pro tempore of the I. W. W., and hold him responsible for all charges made in his report, and that he present himself to the next General Convention of the I. W. W. to answer to same, and that he be notified of this action.

Record vote called for by Olson, 310.

Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, not voting; Olson, 310, not voting; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Schultes, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, not voting.—Motion carried.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Whiting, 120): That we instruct the general secretary-treasurer to send a telegram to New York and the California Defense and get the copies of Welinder's report, and try to get the answer here as soon as possible. Seven for; none opposed.—Motion carried.

Report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee.

Article 11, Wages of Officers and Employes, be amended to read:

The General Secretary-Treasurer and General Executive Board Members shall receive $5 per day and mileage while on actual duty. The General Executive Board shall set the wages for all general organization employes and organizers.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Foster, 110): That we do not concur with the committee.

Record vote called for by Elsasser, 110.

Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, no; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Schultes, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, no. Ten yes; two opposed.—Motion carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Graham, 210-220): That the minutes be accepted as read and corrected.—Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

SESSION OF NOVEMBER 17, 1925

Convention called to order by Chairman Francezon, 510.

Delegates present; Thorpe, 110; Elsasser, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Kiviniemi, 330; Wagner, 330; Schultes, 510; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Report of the Press Committee

M. and S. (Thorpe, 110; Olson, 310): That the press report be accepted and sent to the different publications of the I. W. W. Carried.

Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Article 3, Section 5. The second paragraph of Section (b) be amended to read:

"All organizers and G. E. B. members employed by the I. W. W. shall report to the General Secretary-Treasurer an the Chairman of the G. E. B., the chairman of the G. E. B. to act as general organizer in the field all available time."

Committee concurs.

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Foster, 110): That we do not concur with the committee. Eight for; two against; one not voting. Motion carried.

This resolution will be known as Section 6, Article 10:

"Such subordinate units as shall be found essential shall be chartered by the General Officers of chartered Industrial Unions."

Committee concurs.

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Elsasser, 110): That we do not concur with the committee.

Roll call vote called for by Elsasser, 1 seconded by O'Connor, 310.

Frank Thorpe, 110, Yes, 55 1/3 votes.
J. B. Foster, 110, Yes, 55 1/3 votes.
Geo. Elsasser, 110, Yes, 55 1/3 votes.
Frank Whiting, 120, Yes, 96 votes.
Albert Graham, 210, No. 74 votes.
J. V. O'Connor, 310, Yes, 12 votes.
B. Olson, 310, Yes, 12 votes.
John Kiviniemi, 330, Yes, 16 votes.
Joseph Wagner, 330, No, 16 votes.
Roger Francezon, 510, No. 8 votes.
Chas. Schultes, 510, No, 8 votes.
Geo. Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, No. 78 votes.
Grand total, 486 votes; 302 Yes, 184 No.
Motion carried.

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310): That we accept the report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee as progress. Carried.

Appeal from the Red Trade Union International.

The chair rules that we bring up the appeal from the Red Trade Union International. Appeal taken by Elsasser, 110. Three for; five opposed. The chair is not sustained.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Schultes, 510): That we give the representative of the Red Trade Union International fifteen minutes to state his case.

Record vote called for by O'Connor, 310.

Thorpe, 110, no; Elsasser, 110, no; Foster, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Schultes, 510, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Yes, 8; no, 4. Motion carried.

O'Connor, 310, withdrew from the convention while Harrison George from the Red Trade Union International had the floor.

Convention adjourned at 12 noon for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—NOVEMBER 17, 1925

Convention called to order by Chairman Francezon, 510.

Delegates present: Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Elsasser, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Schultes, 510; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

On disposing of report of H. George:

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Kiviniemi, 330): That we adhere to the decision of the 1922 General Convention in regard to International affiliation. Carried unanimously.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Kiviniemi, 330): That there are administrations and branches which use the name of the I. W. W. in all parts of the world, and whereas it is essential that the working class be provided with a properly integrated world-wide organization revolutionary in philosophy and industrial in structure, and whereas the development of such a world-wide organization is the goal of the I. W. W.; be it

Resolved, That this convention instruct the General Executive Board of the I. W. W. to get in touch with the various administrations and branches in Germany, Australia, South America and Czecho-Slovakia, etc., with the purpose of devising ways and means of calling a world congress of the I. W. W. Carried unanimously.

M. and S. (O'Connor, 310; Thorpe, 110): That General Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to pay the wages of Delegate Schultes of I. U. 510 and charge same to I. U. 510. For, 8; opposed, 1. Motion carried.

Report of Grievance Committee

Grievance No. 11, from I. U. No. 111:

That Article 5, Section 7, which reads as follows, be rescinded:

"The expenses of the delegates attending the General Convention shall be borne by their respective industrial unions, except mileage, which shall be paid for by the General Organization."

We, the Grievance Committee, concur with the rescinding of Section 7 of Article 5 in the General Constitution, and same to be referred to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for redrafting.

M. and S. (Wagner, 330; Olson, 310): That we concur with the committee. For, 8; opposed, 1. Motion carried.

Grievance No. 12: Contest of the auditing committee against Nick Radivoff, for the amount of twenty-five dollars ($25), which there was no receipt shown for.

And twenty-seven dollars ($27), added by the Grievance Committee, as his acknowledgment as being refunded by W. H. Meyers.

We, the Grievance Committee, recommend that Nick Radivoff be given a clearance on both accounts, and suggest that in the future all postage be paid for by certified checks.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with the Grievance Committee. Carried.

Grievance No. 13: Contest of auditing committee against P. J. Welinder for the amount of eighty-nine dollars and ninety-one cents ($89.91), as mileage as delegate to the General Convention of 1924.

We, the Grievance Committee, recommend he be not held responsible for that amount, as this is a legitimate bill, and recommend that in the future no mileage be paid without a legitimate receipt.

M. and S. (Wagner, 330; Olson, 310): That we concur with the committee. Yes, 9; no, 1. Motion carried.

Grievance No. 14, of Frank Norman:

We, the Grievance Committee, recommend that Frank Norman of I. U. 510 be exonerated and reinstated in the Industrial Workers of the world with full privileges, as the Grievance Committee thin that there has been an injustice done to him.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Wagner, 3 That we concur with the Grievance Commi Motion carried.

Grievance No. 15: Contest of Auditing Comn tee against John Gahan on three accounts, $6.0 $6.49 and $10, for which there were no receipts shown.

We, the Grievance Committee, after investigating his case, recommend that he be charged with the above amounts, or a total of twenty-two dollars [illegible] (\$22.57).

[illegible] 110; Schultes, 510): That we [illegible]vance Committee.

[illegible]ncoff, S. I. U.'s; Elsasser, 110: That [illegible]dited with fare for round trip to Milwaukee and be held responsible for the rest of the amount, as there are no receipts to cover same.

Record vote on amendment called for by Elsasser, 110:

Thorpe, 110, not voting; Foster, 110, no; Elsasser, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, not voting; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Schultes, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Yes, 7; no, 3; 2 not voting. Amendment carried.

Grievance No. 16: Contest of the Auditing Committee against Geo. Williams on two accounts—No. 1, for the amount of \$454.50, a private enterprise; No. 2, \$10.90, held by him as Joint Press Committee funds, or a total in all of four hundred and sixty-five dollars and forty cents (\$465.40).

We, the Grievance Committee, after reviewing his case, recommend that he be suspended from the Industrial Workers of the World until such time as he meets his indebtedness.

M. and S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Wagner, 330): That we concur with the committee. Carried unanimously.

M. and S. (Foster, 110; Wagner, 330): That we accept the report of the Grievance Committee as progress. Yes, 5; no, 2. Motion carried.

Report of the Ways and Means Committee

Resolution No. 8 (S. I. U. 10, Finance):

Resolved, that all industrial unions and directly chartered locals pay cash for supplies.

Committee amends to read:

Resolved, that all industrial unions pay cash for supplies.

M. and S. (Wagner, 330; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That we concur with the committee.

Record vote called for.

Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, not voting; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Schultes, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. For, 9; opposed, 2; 1 not voting. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 9 (S. I. U. No. 11, Finance):

Resolved, that all past debts to the G. O. be wiped out upon the cash basis being adopted.

Committee offers the following substitute:

That all past debts to the General Organization be wiped out, that are not collectable.

M. and S. (Thorpe, 110; Schults, 510): That we concur with the committee.

Elsasser, 110, called for record vote on motion. carried.

Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, no; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, no; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510 yes; Schults, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, no. Yes, 7; no, 5.

Amendment (O'Connor, 310; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That all debts owed to General Headquarters up to October 1, 1925, be wiped out. Yes, 1; no, 10. Amendment lost.

M. and S.: That the minutes be accepted subject to final correction. Carried.

Adiourned 5:30 p. m.

SESSION OF NOVEMBER 18, 1925

Delegates present: Foster, 110, Elsasser, 110, Thorpe, 110, Whiting, 120, Graham, 210-220, O'Connor, 310, Olson, 310, Wagner, 330, Kiviniemi, 330, Schultes, 510, Francezon, 510 and Mincoff, S.I.U.'s.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That a committee of three be elected from this body to go over the books with the secretary-treasurer and take all debts that are not collectible and make a list of them and bring them back to this body for acton. Seven for, one opposed.—Carried.

Nominations for committee.

Elsasser, 110 Kiviniemi, 330, O'Connor, 310, Francezon, 510, Graham, 210-220, Wagner, 330, were nominated.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Mincoff, S. I. U.'s): That nominations be closed.—Carried.

Francezon, 510, and Graham, 210-220, declined.

Elsasser, 110, Kiviniemi, 330, O'Connor, 310, were elected.

Report of the Ways and Means Committee.

Report on Raymond Henry's suggestion, G. E. B. I. U. 310. The committee does not concur as this suggestion has been acted upon.

M & S. (Wagner, 330-Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with the committee.—Carried unanimously.

Report of the Ways and Means Committee: We recommend that we have 7500 copies of the minutes of the convention printed.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Wagner, 330): That we do not concur with the committee. Two for, four opposed.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with the committee. Five for, none opposed.—Carried.

Letter to Coleman in reg[illegible]d to building.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330[illegible]lsasser, 110): That we extend the time for the Ways and Means Committee to bring in the report on the building proposition.—Carr[illegible]d.

M. & S. ([illegible]orpe, 110-O'Connor, 310): That the report of[illegible] Ways and Means Committee be accepted as pr[illegible]ess.—Carried.

Report of th[illegible]esol[illegible]ions Committee.

No. 26, Seria[illegible]"—[illegible]esolution adopted by the I. U. 310 Confer[illegible]ce at [illegible]ortland, Ore., November 3, 1925.

Committee does not co[illegible]

M. & S. (Elsasser, 11[illegible]ter, 110): That we concur with the committ[illegible]

Record vote called for [illegible]son, 310:

Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe, [illegible]10, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, no; G[illegible]aham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, no; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Schultes, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, no. Eight for, four opposed.—Carried.

No. 27, Serial "A"—Resolution from Vancouver branch submitted to all branches of the I. W. W. and of the Emergency Program.

No. 28, Serial "A"—Resolution adopted by I. U. 310 Conference at Portland, Ore., November 3, 1925—Resolution from Great Falls, Montana.

Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with the committee.

Record vote called for by Thorpe, 110:

Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Schultes, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1 from Vancouver branch of I. U. [illegible]20 [illegible] to local business.

[illegible]mittee does not concur.

M. & S. (Schultes, 510-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with committee.—Carried.

Resolution No. 10, from Vancouver branch I. U. 120. Substitute made by committee:

Resolved, That all lengthy controversial articles be kept out, as far as possible, from the official organs of the I. W. W.

M. & S. (Kiviniemi, 330-Foster, 110): That we concur with the substitute.—Carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 3, Vancouver branch I. U. 120. The committee made the following substitute:

Election of branch officials be by ballots, same to be numbered.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Elsasser, 110): That we concur with the committee.

Record vote called for by Francezon, 510:

Elsasser, 110, yes; Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220 yes; O'Connor, 310, no; Olson, 310, no; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, no; Schultes, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Eight for, four opposed.—Carried.

Resolution No. 5 from New York branch I. U. 330:

Resolved, That the G. E. B. Members should not be employed at General Headquarters, with the exception of the chairman of the board.

The past should not be forgotten in outlining our work for the future.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Schultes, 510): That we concur with the committee.—Carried unanimously.

Resolutions from San Francisco pertaining matters.

The committee has no recommendatio communication.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That we accept the resolutions as read and that it be filed. —Carried.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Thorpe, 110): That we accept the report of the Resolutions Committee as progress. Seven for, none opposed.—Carried.

Report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee.

Article 5, Section 7, be amended to read:

The expenses of the delegates attending the General Convention shall be borne by their respective industrial unions, except mileage both ways, which shall be paid by the general organization on receipt from the transportation companies.

Majority report that the words "transportation companies" be used.

Minority report that the word "railroads" be used.

M. & S. (Whiting, 120-Wagner, 330): That we concur with the majority report.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we table the substitute of Article 5 Section 7, and that it be stricken from the Constitution.

Chair rules this motion is in order.

Appeal taken from the chair by O'Connor, 310. Three for, seven opposed.

The chair is not sustained.

Motion is out of order.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we table the report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee regarding Article 5, Section 7 of the Constitution. Five for, six opposed.—Motion Lost.

Amendment: (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Kiviniemi, 330): That we send the recommendation back to the committee for redrafting.

Amendment to amendment (Elsasser, 110-Foster, 110): That we rescind Section 7, Article 5 and the By-laws Committee bring in a substitute to cover same. Sx for, five opposed.—Carried.

Article 6, in regard to Supplies, Etc. be amended to read:

Industrial Unions ordering supplies shall pay the cost of such supplies before receiving same.—Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-O'Connor, 310): That we concur with the committee. All opposed.—Motion lost.

Chair rules that this resolution be held in abeyance until 1:30 p. m.

Adjourned at 12 Noon.

Convention called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Chairman Francezon, 510.

Delegates present: Elsasser, 110; Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Wagner, 330; Kiviniemi, 330; Francezon, 510; Schultes, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Whiting, 120): That the recommendation on Article 6 of By-laws be turned back to the committee for redrafting.—Carried.

Article 5, Section 7 be amended to ead:

The expenses of the delegates attending the General Convention shall be borne by their respective industrial unions except mileage both ways, which shall be paid by the general organization, provided the delegate comes from or returns to the district he was elected from.—Committee concurs.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310; Wagner, 330): That we concur with the committee.

Record vote called for by Foster, 110:

Elsasser, 110, no; Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, no; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, no; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; F , 510, yes; Schultes, 510, yes; yes. Nine for, three opposed.

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All industrial unions shall pay the cost of supplies received. The cost of supplies and all per capita tax shall be paid to General Headquarters on the 1st of each month. If their bills fail to be settled in full by the 10th of the same month, the G. E. B. shall have full power to take over the office of the industrial union failing to do so.

Supplies lost or destroyed through no fault of the industrial union shall be credited and the cost deducted from their monthly bill provided that satisfactory proof be given of the cause of loss or destruction. Roger Francezon, John Kiviniemi.

Minority report:

A—Industrial unions shall pay for supplies when ordering same.

B—Per capita for the actual dues paid during the month shall be remitted by the industrial unions and General Recruiting Union to the General Headquarters not later than the 10th day of the following month. Should any industrial union or G. R. U. fail to do so the General Executive Board shall not issue any more supplies until the previous bills are paid.

George Mincoff.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Elsasser, 110): That we concur with the minority report. Six for, three opposed.—Motion carried.

Resolution No. 4, S. I. U.'s No. 8:

Whereas, The Universal credential often works detrimentally to an established union and prevents the industrial union in question, from knowing enough about its membership to initiate an organization program; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following clause be added to the General Constitution: No representative of one industrial union shall initiate members or collect dues in another industry when there is a representative of the industry in question in the locality.

Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Olson, 310-Kiviniemi, 330): concur with committee.

Record vote called for by Whiting, 120:

Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, no; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, no; Schultes, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, no. Seven for, five opposed.—Motion carried.

M & S. (Foster, 110-Wagner, 330): That we accept the report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee as progress.—Carried.

Communication from seven members of S. I. U.'s and G. E. B. Member Chuba, regarding case of Mike Novak.

M. & S. (Olson, 310-Wagner, 330): That communication from S. I. U. members be filed for future reference.—Carried unanimously.

Communication from G. E. B. Member S. Hendrickson.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Whiting, 120): That it be accepted as read and turned back to Arthur Coleman.—Carried.

Report of Press Committee.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Graham, 210-220): That the Press report be accepted and sent to the I. W. W. publications.—Carried.

Report of the Ways and Means Commttee on Auditing Committee report.

We have nothing to report on the Auditing Committee report and recommend that it be filed for future reference.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-O'Connor, 310): That we concur with the committee.—Carried.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-O'Connor, 310): That the report of the Ways and Means Committee be accepted as progress.—Carried.

Communication from Amalgamated Trust & Savings Bank.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Kviniemi, 330): That the communication from the Amalgamated Bank be filed. Nine yes, one no.—Motion carried.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Thorpe, 110): That the Rules Committee, Resolutions Committee, Grievance Committee, Credentials Committee and Constitution and By-laws Committee stand discharged.—Carried unanimously.

New Business

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Elsasser, 110): That in case the sliding scale is defeated shall the dues be $1 and the initiation fee $3. This to go on the ballot.

Chair rules motion out of order.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Olson, 310): That this body goes on record to do away with the 50-50 basis of doing business between the various I. U.'s and that they only charge for the actual cost of supplies used.

Record vote called for by Whiting, 120:

Thorpe, 110, no; Foster, 110, no; Elsasser, 110, no; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, no; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, no; Schultes, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Seven no, five yes.—Motion lost.

M. & S. (Whiting, 120-Wagner, 330): That the industrial unions shall remit to othe industrial unions for the business done for them on the basis of retaining 50 cents for each memberhip card furnished and actual per capita cost of all dues stamps furnished.

Chair rules motion out of order as already acted upon.

M. & S. (Schultes, 510-Kiviniemi, 330): That the I. U. shall remit to other I. U.'s 50 cents for each card used and actual amount of per capita for each dues stamp sold. Three for, seven opposed.—Motion lost.

Motion made by Mincoff: That this body go on record to do away witn the 50-50 basis of doing business between the various I. U.'s and that they only charge for the actual cost of supplies used, providing the pro rata is charged for dues collected in the hall for upkeep of same.

Chair ruled motion made by Mincoff out of order.

Appeal taken by Mincoff.

Six for, four opposed.

Chair is sustained.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Wagner, 330): That we elect a committee of three from this body to put out a general referendum ballot.—Carried.

Nominations and elections.

Committee to put out General Referendum Ballot.

Thorpe, 110; Wagner, 330; Graham, 210-220; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Schultes, 510; were nominated.

Thorpe, O'Connor and Wagner declined.

Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, 9; Olson, 310, 8; Schultes, 510, 8; Graham, 210-220, 4 votes.

Mincoff, Olson and Schultes elected on ballot committee.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we nominate the General Secretary-Treasurer from the floor of this convention by ballot. Six yes, none opposed.—Motion carried.

Nominees for General Secretary-Treasurer:

Herbert Mahler, not present, five votes.	(5)
Ernest Verlack, not present, two votes.	(2)
Arthur Coleman, declined.	
O. Hendricks, not present, two votes.	(2)
J. D. Golden, not present, four votes.	(4)
C. H. MacKinnon, not present, two votes.	(2)
J. Lorden, not present, no votes.	(0)
Ed. Delaney, not present, seven votes.	(7)
Chas. Lundquist, not present, no votes.	(0)
J. P. Thompson, not present, seven votes.	(7)
John I. Turner, not present, three votes.	(3)
Carl Keller, declined.	
Albert Hanson accepts, one vote.	(1)
Nick Radivoeff, declined.	
Phil Engel, not present, three votes.	(3)

Reading of the day's minutes.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Kiviniemi, 330): That we accept minutes as corrected.—Carried.

Adjourned at 5:40 p. m.

SESSION OF NOVEMBER 19, 1925

Convention called to order by Chairman Francegon, 510, at 9 a. m.

Delegates present: Thorpe, 110; Elsasser, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Kiviniemi, 330; Wagner, 330; Francezon, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s. Foster, 110, and Schultes, 510 ,reported at 9:05 a. m.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Thorpe, 110): That we go back to New Business.—Carried.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Wagner, 310): That we take up Resolution No. 15, of the S. I. U.'s.—Carried.

Resolved, That wherever possible all employes at General Headquarters shall be members in good standing at least one year prior to being employed.

M. & S. (Wagner, 310-Elsasser, 110): That we do not concur with the resolution.—Carried.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Whiting, 120): That we take up resolution from I. U. 110; B-11.—Carried.

All G. O. C. travelling delegates and branch secretaries when issuing credentials, shall mark in membership card number of credentials issued with date and by whom issued; and when a delegate's account is cleared, the secretary-treasurer shall issue him a clearance stamp to be affixed in his membership card.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we adopt Resolution B-11 of I. U. 110, and insert i in "the constitution and by-laws." Six for th opposed.—Motion carried.

M. & S. (Schultes, 510-Graham, 210-220): That only branch secretaries be issued universal credentials.

The chair rules motion is in order.

Appeal taken by O'Connor. Four for, five opposed. The chair is not sustained. Motion is out of order.

M. & S. (O'Connor, 310-Wagner, 330): That we go back to the report of the committees.—Carried.

Report of the committee on uncollectable debts.

We, the Investigating Committee, on going over the accounts, consider the following accounts uncollectable, and recommend that they be stricken from the books:

Credit be given as follows on uncollectable debts, to be wiped out:

I. U. 120: Balance, Oct. 1, 1924, $12,070.91; per capita on unremitted report, $443.25; Total, $12,514.16.

I. U. 210: Balance Oct. 1, 1924, $3,030.80.

I. U. 230: Balance Oct. 1, 1924, $4,772.45

I. U. 310: Balance Oct. 1, 1924, $1,654.25; per capita on unremitted report, $388.20; Total, $2,042.45.

I. U. 410: Balance Oct. 1, 1924, $1,610.45.

I. U. 440: Balance Oct. 1, 1924, $5,711.45.

I. U. 510: Balance Oct. 1, 1924, $11,821.89.

I. U. 520: Balance Oct. 1, 1924, $8,179.64.

GRAND TOTAL, CREDITS to I. U.'s, $49,683.29.

To following publications:

Bulgarian, $861.11; Croatian, $1,274.29; Hungarian, $361.15; Italian, $2,245.34; Pioneer, $6,139.63; Roumanian, $283.57; Solidarity, $5,657.29; Spanish, $689.60.

Total Credits to Publications, $17,511.98.

I. U. 520: Loan from General Headquarters, $500.

Debts Still Owed; Industrial Union Accounts will stand on October 1, 1925 as follows:

I. U. 120: Due to G. H., $1,694.40; Defense, $1,163.50; Total, $2,857.90.

I. U. 210: Due to G. H., $213.70; Defense, $121.23; Total, $334.93.

I. U. 230: Due to Defense, $482.52.

I. U. 310: Due to G. H., $590.98; Defense, $25; Total, $615.98.

I. U. 440: Due to Defense, $766.60.

I. U. 510: Due to G. H., $5,427.06; Defense, $1,152.75; Total, $6,579.81.

I. U. 520: Due to Defense, $183.50.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Thorpe, 110): That we concur with the committee. Ten for, one opposed.—Motion carried.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Thorpe, 110): That the committee's report be accepted and that the committee be discharged.—Carried.

New Business

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Wagner, 330): That we instruct the G. E. B. to direct the policies of the I. W. W. press in regard to international policies as outlined by this convention.—Carried.

Communications from Arthur Coleman, Secretary-Treasurer, and Carl Keller, Chairman G. E. B.

M. & S. (Mincoff, S. I. U.'s-Graham, 210-220): That we empower the Secretary-Treasurer and the G. E. B. to route any speakers they see fit.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That we table this communication until the Ways and Means Committee makes its report. Six for, three opposed.—Carried.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Wagner, 330): That we accept the minutes of the Sixteenth Constitutional General Convention and reaffirm the stand taken by

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sies.

for by Chairman Francezon, 510: Foster, 110, yes; Elsasser, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, yes; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, yes; Schultes, 510, yes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes.—Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Elsasser, 110-Thorpe, 110): That whenever any foreign publication is published by the I. W. W. it shall be started on a self-sustaining basis.

Record vote called for by Chairman Francezon: Thorpe, 110, yes; Foster, 110, no; Elsasser, 110, yes; Whiting, 120, yes; Graham, 210-220, yes. 8 opposed, 4 for.—Motion lost.

Report of the Press Committee.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Kiviniemi, 330): That we accept the report of the Press Committee and that it be sent to the various publications of the I. W. W.—Carried.

Convention adjourned at 11:35 a. m. until 1:30 p. m.

Convention called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Chairman Francezon, 510.

Delegates present: Thorpe, 110; Foster, 110; Elsasser, 110; Whiting, 120; Graham, 210-220; O'Connor, 310; Olson, 310; Kiviniemi, 330; Wagner, 330; Francezon, 510; Schultes, 510; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s.

Report of the Ways and Means Committee.

We, the Ways and Means Committee, recommend that we elect a financial committee of seven from the floor of this convention, as an advisory committee, to act in co-operation with the General Executive Board.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Kiviniemi, 330): That we concur with the committee.—Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Wagner, 330-Foster, 110): That we proceed with the election of a committee of seven.—Carried.

Kiviniemi, 330; Elsasser, 110; O'Connor, 310; Wagner, 330; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Thorpe, 110; Graham, 210-220; Foster, 110; Francezon, 510; Schultes, 510; Olson, 310; Whiting.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Schultes, 510): That all nominations be closed.—Carried.

Kiviniemi, 330; Wagner, 330; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s; Thorpe, and Olson, accept. Elsasser, 110; O'Connor, 310; Graham, 210-220; Foster, 110; Francezon, 510; Schultes, 510; and Whiting, 120, declined.

O'Connor, 310; Francezon, 510; Schultes, 510; and Graham were re-nominated and accepted.

Kiviniemi, 330, 9 votes; Wagner, 330, 9 votes; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, 9 votes; Thorpe, 110, 10 votes; Olson, 310, 9 votes; O'Connor, 310, 9 votes; Francezon, 510, 9 votes; Schultes, 510, 5 votes; Graham, 210-220, 3 votes.

Kiviniemi, Wagner, Mincoff, Thorpe, Olson, O'Connor and Francezon were elected to the committee.

M. & S. (Thorpe, 110-Whiting, 120): That we accept the report of the Ways and Means Committee and that this committee stand discharged.—Carried.

New Business

M. & S. (Olson, 310-Kiviniemi, 330): That in case the dollar compulsory assessment stamp carries on the referendum ballot, that the G. E. B. be instructed to call in all voluntary stamps from the field.

Record vote called for by Francezon: Thorpe, 110, no; Foster, 110, no; Elsasser, 110, no; Whiting, 120, no; Graham, 210-220, no; O'Connor, 310, yes; Olson, 310, yes; Kiviniemi, 330, yes; Wagner, 330, yes; Francezon, 510, no; Schultes, 510, no; Mincoff, S. I. U.'s, yes. Seven opposed, five for.—Motion Lost.

M. & S. (Foster, 110-Kiviniemi, 330): That we rescind Rule No. 1.—Carried.